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DETECTION/QUANTIFICATION OF TARGETED NUCLEOTIDE CHAINS, AND  
DETECTION/QUANTIFICATION OF MULTI-FOLD NUCLEOTIDE CHAINS  
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the specification of which  is attached hereto  was filed on January 19, 2001 as United States Application No. or PCT International Application No. 09/764,050 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

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